

## 5     **System And Method For Controlling Transmission of Data Packets Over          An Information Network**

### **ABSTRACT**

10         An apparatus for controlling transmission of data packets in an information  
network comprises a Regional Transaction Processor (RTP) operable to communicate  
with a Data Enabling Device (DED) and at least one workstation. The DED searches data  
packets for content match information. The RTP includes instructions to generate  
information to include in a prompt to be presented at the workstation when the content  
match information is detected in at least one of the data packets. The prompt is based on  
15         information in the data packet. Transmission of the data packets through the information  
network is suspended by the DED until a response to the prompt is received that  
authorizes downloading the data packets to the workstation. If transmission of the data  
packets to the workstation is not authorized, the data packets are discarded by the DED.